GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – Forest Department –World Bank aided APCFM project in Vizianagaram Forest Division – Excess expenditure in the works "Uprootal of Stums" –Disciplinary action against Sri K.Siva Prasada Rao, ACF (Retd) formerly Sub-DFO, Parvathipuram,Vizianagaram Division - Findings received– Imposing a penalty of 2% cut in pension for a period of (2) years – Show-Cause-Notice Issued– Explanation not received – Final Orders – Issued.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (SEC.IV) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No. 53 Dated: 08-09-2017

Read the following:

1) From DG., (Vig & Enft.) & E.O. Prl. Secy to Govt. GAD Vigilance Report No. 47, (593/V&E/NR2/2006) dt. 24.4.2006.
2) G.M. No. 4910/For.IV/2006-1, dt. 13.6.2006
3) From the PCCF, Ref. No. 26200/2006/PXA-3, dt. 15.9.2006
4) G.M. No. 4910/For.IV/A1/2006, dt. 21.08.2012.
5) From the PCCF, Ref. No. 26200/2006/K3, dt. 12.9.2013.
6) G.M. No. 4910/For.IV/A1/2006-4, dt. 18.10.2013.
7) From the Prl.CCF Ref.No.26200/2006/K3, dt:08-11-2013.
8) G.M. No.4910/For.IV/A1/2006, Dt:16.09.2014.
9) From the Prl.CCF. Ref.No.26200/2006/Vig-3, Dt:29.10.2014.
10) G.M. No. 4910/For.IV/A1/2006, dt. 27.2.2015.
11) From the PCCF, Ref. No.26200/2006/Vig-1, dt. 11.3.2015.
12) G.M. No. 4910/For.IV/A1/06, dt. 05.02.2016.
13)From the PCCF, Lr. Rc. No. 26200/2006/A&DC-1, dt. 04.10.2016
14) Govt. Lr. No. 4910/Sec./A2/2006, dt.3.2.2017.
15) From the Secretary, APPSC Lr. No.192/DC&C/2/2017, dt. 17.02.2017.

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ORDER:

In the reference 5th read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, A.P., Hyderabad has informed that, an Article of Charge was issued against Sri K. Siva Prasada Rao, Asst. Conservator of Forests (Retd.) formerly Sub- Divisional Forest Officer, Parvathipuram, Vizianagaram Division in Prl. CCF's Ref. No. 26200/2006/PXA3, dated 15-9-2006 on the following counts:

Article-I - That he had while working as Sub-DFO, Parvathipuram of Vizianagaram(T) Division, shown gross negligence in discharging his legitimate duties and shown lack of devotion to duty, resulted certain irregularities pointed out by the Vigilance and Enforcement Officials in their report regarding booking of excess expenditure in the works of "Uprootal of stumps" in the VSS areas of Parvathipuram Range of Vizianagaram Division to a tune of Rs.8,05,521/- and also responsible for manipulation the data collected on 17-03-2005 to shown as if the rate arrived at was Rs.17,500/- per Ha., as detailed below.

2. The Charged Officer acknowledged the Article of Charge on 27-10-2006 but did not submit the written defense statement. Hence, in Prl. CCFs Rc.No.26200/2006/PXA-3, dated.08.11.2006, the Conservator of Forests, Visakhapatnam and Divisional Forest Officer, Vizianagaram were appointed as Common Inquiry Officer and Presenting Officer respectively. The Inquiry Officer conducted the enquiry and submitted the findings concluding that, the charge is **held proved** and stated that the Charged Officer submitted proposals along with field data for ratification of expenditure incurred in the (4) VSSs (9 areas) leaving the (2) VSSs (Puttajammu and Pellivalasa). The FSR Zonal Committee of Zone-I ratified the excess expenditure in the works in respect of 47 ha out

of 55.5 ha area. Hence, the Charged Officer is responsible for the excess expenditure in the works of uprootal of stumps carried out in Puttajammu VSS and Pellivalasa VSS in 11.00 ha., since, there is no ratification of FSR Zonal Committee for the excess rate adopted. The Charged Officer is responsible for the proportionate share of excess amount of Rs.67,058/-.

3. The findings of Inquiry Officer were communicated to the Charged Officer and the Charged Officer has submitted further defense statement on 13-8-2013 in which he has not put forth any new points to be considered.

4. The Prl.CCF vide reference 9th read above, has informed that, subsequently, FSR Zonal Committee issued ratification orders on 21.03.2013 for the excess expenditure incurred in the works.

5. Since the Charged Officer retired from service on attaining the age of superannuation, the disciplinary proceedings are continued under Rule 9 of AP Revised pension Rules, 1980.

6. After careful examination of the matter, with reference to the findings of the Inquiry Officer, the remarks of the Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests, and material made available, Government have provisionally decided to impose a penalty of 2% cut in pension for a period of (2) two years on the Charged Officer Sri K. Siva Prasada Rao, ACF(Retd.) formerly Sub-DFO, Parvathipuram, Vizianagaram Division, under rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

7. Accordingly a Show-Cause-Notice was issued to the retired officer vide reference 12th read above. The PCCF vide 13th read above has informed that no further defence statement was received from the Charged Officer.

8. Government, after careful examination of the matter hereby order to impose a penalty of 2% cut in pension for a period of (2) two years against the retired Charged Officer Sri K. Siva Prasada Rao, ACF(Retd.) formerly Sub-DFO, Parvathipuram, Vizianagaram Division, under rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

9. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, A.P. Guntur shall take action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

G. ANANTHA RAMU
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, A.P., Guntur.
The Individual (through Principal Chief Conservator of Forests).
Copy to:
The Accountant General (A&E) A.P., Hyderabad.
The Director of Treasuries & Accounts, A.P., Ibrahimpatnam
The Principal Secretary, A.P. Public Service Commission, Hyderabad
(with ref. to Lr.No.192/DC&C/2/2017, dt.17.02.2017).
Sf./Sc.

// FORWARDED :: BY ORDER//

SECTION OFFICER